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SUBJECT: SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

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1. EMBASSY WOULD WELCOME ASSIGNMENT OF SUMMER INTERN
TO SURVEY US TRADE AND INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN
SWAZILAND.

2. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, GOS HAS FREQUENTLY REQUESTED
EMBASSY AND USG VISITORS TO STEP UP EFFORTS TO PROMOTE
US TRADE AND INVESTMENT IN SWAZILAND, PARTLY IN RESPONSE
TO GOS DESIRE TO REDUCE ITS NEAR-TOTAL DEPENDENCE ON
SOUTH AFRICAN IMPORTS. CHEAP LABOR IS AVAILABLE AND
GOS OFFERS SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE TO FIRMS WISHING TO
OPERATE IN SWAZILAND. BECAUSE OF SWAZILAND'S MEMBER-
SHIP IN SOUTHERN AFRICAN CUSTOMS UNION, FIRMS LOCATED
HERE HAVE ACCESS TO LARGE SOUTH AFRICAN MARKET; HOWEVER,
BEING LOCATED OUTSIDE THE REPUBLIC, FIRMS ALSO HAVE
ACCESS TO BLACK AFRICAN COUNTRIES THAT REFUSE TO DEAL
WITH SOUTH AFRICA. CURRENT UNREST IN THE REPUBLIC WOULD
APPEAR TO INCREASE SWAZILAND'S ATTRACTIVENESS AS LOCATION
FOR FACTORIES AND FIRMS WISHING DO BUSINESS IN SOUTHERN
AFRICA. EFFORTS TO DATE BY EMBASSY/USDOC/OPIC TO
STIMULATE US TRADE AND INVESTMENT IN SWAZILAND HAVE
HAD VERY LITTLE SUCCESS.

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3. SUMMER INTERN COULD PERFORM USEFUL FUNCTION IN INTERVIEWING GOS AND PARASTATAL OFFICIALS AND PRIVATE BUSINESSMEN, INCLUDING BANKERS, WITH VIEW TO IDENTIFYING: POTENTIAL AREAS FOR US-SWAZILAND TRADE; AREAS FOR POTENTIAL US INVESTMENT; FUTURE NEEDS OF SWAZILAND ECONOMY THAT MIGHT BEST BE FILLED BY AMERICAN FIRMS; AND SECTORS IN WHICH AMERICAN TECHNOLOGY MIGHT CURRENTLY BE APPLIED. UNBURDENED BY DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES, INTERN LIKELY MAKE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION IN THIS FIELD TO WHICH EMBASSY OFFICERS NECESSARILY ABLE DEVOTE ONLY PART-TIME ATTENTION. SIDE BENEFITS INCLUDE VERY EDUCATIONAL AND "RELEVANT" EXPERIENCE FOR THE INTERN AND LOCAL HIGHLIGHTING OF USG CONCERN FOR GOS OBJECTIVES IN TRADE AND INVESTMENT.

5. INTERN SHOULD HAVE STRONG ECONOMICS BACKGROUND. MAJOR IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND/OR INVESTMENT HIGHLY DESIRABLE BUT NOT ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL. HOUSING ARRANGEMENTS WOULD BE SIMPLER IF INTERN UNACCOMPANIED, BUT POST WILLING ACCEPT MARRIED INTERN IF NECESSARY.

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